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## A Merry Christmas to All! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

### BASE STATE INQUISTERS PUT OVER STATE FID PETITION TO BIG

#### Measure Which Has Been Consistently Fought For in the Massachusetts Legislature for Quarter of a Century Now Has Chance for Enactment.

Massachusetts went over the top with 5000 more names than were needed to place the State Fund Workmen's Compensation Act on the ballot at the next state election.

### Woolen-Worsted Federation Reports Good Progress in Union Activities in All Parts of Jurisdiction

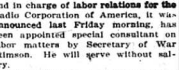
From the new headquarters of the Federation of Woolen and Worsted Workers of America, a group of men in New York City, where President Joseph Sylvia and an able corps of assistants are conducting persistent and militant organizing activities...

### Increase in Per Capita Tax to A. F. L. Follows Discontinuation of One Cent Special Assessment Levied in 1937

Pursuant to action taken at the 60th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, relative to the discontinuation of the one cent special assessment and the increase of the per capita tax...

### McGrady Named Army Labor Aide; to Serve Without Pay

Edward F. McGrady, former Assistant Secretary of Labor, Deputy Administrator of the N.R.A. and for many years prominently identified with the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, now a vice-president...



In his new post, Mr. McGrady will perform much the same task as he did while in NRA activity, when his understanding of the labor point of view was direct approach enabled him to adjudicate differences of opinion...

### Portland Clothing Firm Threatens Withdrawal of Patronage Unless Unfair Manufacturer Settles Strike

If there were many retail dealers throughout the country whose attitude towards Union Labor is as friendly as that which for many years has been demonstrated by the firm of Harmon Newcomb clothing dealers at 123 Congress street, manufacturers would think twice before refusing to deal collectively with their employees...

### Two Former CIO Adherents Refer to John Lewis as Chief Obstacle to Nationally Unified Labor Movement

Accused of gambling with the lives and welfare of American Workers by Delagius Dubinsky, Why is Lewis as "Self-Crowned Champion of 52,000,000 Shrunken Bellies" - Green Re-elected A. F. L. President by Acclamation.

The unanimous election of President William Green and other members of the Executive Board, denunciation of John Lewis, former head of the CIO...

### It Is High Time More Optimists Elbowed Their Way to the Front Pages of American Newspapers

Democracy Survived After the Civil and World Wars, and Will Survive Present Conflict - Unwise for Publicists to Talk About Democracy Being on Its Last Leg - There Are Many Reasons to Be Optimistic for the Future.

By ALBERT N. TARDIF. Trouble, trouble - too much trouble. Too many publicists have been so high in public office as to be quoted (on the front page) in the record, of course) as forecasting that democracy may be on its last legs...

### ACCUSED OF COOPERATION WITH "HARMON NEWCOMB" DEFENSE PROCEEDINGS

Without regard to our feeling for your concern, we would be forced to find another source of supply although, of course, we might not desire to bring pressure upon you but inasmuch as it has been our policy to carry uniform merchandise in our store, and because of the support we have felt that Gantner products were vital to the operation of our retail store...

### Declaration Included Pledge That Labor Shall Take No Action That Would Hamper Defense Production Until All Other Means Are Taken.

Committee Fully Recognizes That If Democratic Way of Life Is To Be Preserved Country Must Prepare for Total Defense - Refers to Fact That Only Two Strikes of Major Importance Have Occurred Since Defense Program Was Started.

### Co-operation on the Part of Men Who Invest, Labor, and Manage Essential for Success of Industry

Harmonious Relations Between Labor and Management Make for National Security and Well-Being - Cannot Be Built on Foundation of Antagonism Between Labor and Capital - Main Essential is an Opportunity for Free Interchange of Ideas and Negotiations Deemed Acceptable to Both Parties.

### Airport Station Project Promises to Be Biggest Building Boom Ever Known by Bangor Building Trades Mechanics

The greatest boom for the building trades in the Bangor area in many years will result from the construction of buildings for the Air Corps station facilities to be located in Bangor at a cost of \$10,000,000.

### Extensive Plans Discussed by U. S. Senator-Elect Ralph O. Brewster

President B. J. Dorsky of Maine State Federation of Labor, Results in Assurance That Work On Project Will Be Largely Performed by Mechanics Residing in Bangor District.

### Laborer, Laborer, and Manager Essential for Success of Industry

By CHARLES O. DUNTON, Secretary, Maine State Federation of Labor. To the American people, it calls upon them to serve the enlightened interests of industry itself by urging the administration of the nation as a whole, how the managers of industry can serve the public interest.

Portland Electrical Workers on Strike To Re-establish Their Pre-Depression Wage and Forty Hour Work Week

Sixty members of Portland Local 567 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers went on strike yesterday (Monday) to enforce a demand made upon local contractors for the re-establishment of the pre-depression wage scale of \$12.15 per hour and for a forty hour work week.

Activities of Local Unions Making Up Portland Allied Printing Trades Are Bringing Amazing Results

Increased Attendance at Meetings, Constructive Work Done Along Union Label Lines, Cooperation from Newly Appointed International Organizer, and Other Activities Are Factors Which Count in Progress Made by Local Organizations.

By MYMAN ERLICK, President, Portland Allied Printing Trades Council. Clyde M. Cushman was re-elected president of the Portland Printing Trades Council at its annual meeting held on December 11th.

Christmas cards, bearing the Allied Printing Trades label can be secured at Portland, Mitchell & Braun. Ask for the Ryan Art Line.

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marriage to Jane M. Clark of the Press Herald proform. The program for the Elks Circus was written by Cooperative Press and carried the Allied label. The efforts of our members in securing the label on this program last year are certainly bearing fruit.

"Jud" Nichols, president of the New England Typo, met with Secretary Jesse Bush in Concord, N. H., and made plans for the Midwinter meeting of the New England Conference of Typographical Unions in Boston.

At the request of the Organization Committee of the Chicago Printing Trades Union, the Portland Central Labor Union placed the following concerns on their "We Do Not Patronize" list:

Anheuser-Busch, St. Louis; Gillette Safety Razor Co., Chicago; National Hatmakers Products Corp., New York City; Enterprise Mfg. Co., (Singing Machine), Akron, O.; Hugh W. Matheson, executive secretary of the Chicago Organizing Committee.

John S. Madigan, son of Elizabeth M. Madigan of the Press Herald composing room, was a candidate for the Portland School Board at the recent election. This was Mr. Madigan's first attempt to secure public office and made a very creditable showing.

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"Jim" O'Neill was a recent visitor at the Evening Express composing room. He appeared to be well along the road to recovery.

Francis McDonough underwent a successful surgical operation at the Baptist Hospital in Portland.

Congratulations and the best of luck to "Cabo" Kibridge on his appointment as organizer for the Portland Central Labor Union.

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"Slingload" Agreement Reached By Union and Port Authority

In an effort to stimulate shipping to and from Portland, the Portland Longshoremen's Benevolent Society agreed to the use of "unlimited slingloads" in discharging ships' cargoes at this harbor.

The general agreement was arrived at after many months of conferences in which representatives of the union and the local Chamber of Commerce participated.

The new ruling, which changes the old-time prevailing custom of 50 years or more, has always been held as one of the basic protective regulations governing the work of ship cargo discharges.

With this restriction removed, an incentive effort will be made by the directors of marine transportation to increase the prominence of Portland as a shipping center.

Members of the Longshoremen's Union at their annual meeting for the election of officers, held December 4th.

Other officers chosen were: John J. Thornton, vice-president; Thomas E. Foley, recording secretary; William P. Gorrihan, treasurer; James O'Donnell, board of trustees.

voiding fines and suspensions imposed upon plaintiffs by the union's executive board and managers for time lost as a result.

Portland CLU Names H. E. Howe for Re-Election as President

Howard E. Howe, whose administration as head of the Portland Central Labor Union has been marked with progress during the past year, was re-nominated at the annual meeting of the December 4th meeting of that organization.

Other officers nominated for the annual election, which will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, are:

Portland Journeymen Barbers Elect Anthony DiFilippo as President

Members of Local 219 of the Journeymen Barbers International Union, at their annual meeting for the election of officers, held last Tuesday.

Officers and members of Portland Truck Drivers Local 46 are notified over the verdict rendered against the union by Chief Justice Guy H. Sturgis, which forces the local union to re-instate to membership 30 men.

Acting for the local union, Business Agent Raymond Conroy, through the organization's attorneys, filed notice through the Clerk of Courts against the other defendants.

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years ago, declined renomination. Other nominees for the annual election, which is to be held January 1st, are as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Laura Gagnon; Mrs. Mildred Gagnon and Mrs. Blanche Burke; for secretary, Mrs. Helen Maloney and Mrs. Ethel McDonald; for financial secretary, Mrs. Mary Dunn and Mrs. Ethel McDonald; for treasurer, Mrs. Mary Griffin; for sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Lena Thompson and Mrs. Maud Lewis and Mrs. Mary Engles. Mrs. Millicent Broadway declined renomination as financial secretary.

The Auxiliary plans to hold a Christmas Party on Monday evening, December 30.

Ladies' Garment Wks. Officials Move to Larger Quarters

Due to the tremendous increase in membership of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, it was necessary to move their New England office to larger quarters.

Much progress is being made and Portland by this union through the efforts of International President David Dubinsky, a relentless campaign will be carried on until thousands of exploited workers are without the protection of the union in that industry.

Auxiliary Member Refuses to Order Coal From Non-Union Firm

When a representative of a non-union coal dealer called on Mrs. Laura Gagnon for an order to supply her with fuel for the winter, he found that all his efforts in vain.

Tardif Denies He Agreed to Serve on Testimony Committee

Some unauthorized person recently took the liberty to use the name of Albert W. Tardif, a member of Portland Typographical Union, in a statement to the Central Labor Union.

Two Candidates for President of C. L. U. Ladies' Auxiliary

Members of Women's Auxiliary to the Portland Central Labor Union, at their meeting held December 4th, nominated a committee to select a president for next year.

In and Out of the News

END OF NVA PROJECT AT PORTLAND ANNOUNCED

It is stated that the seventh NVA youth work experience project at Quoddy Village (Eastport) will come to an end about the middle of this month.

A considerable body of the workers (Continued on Page 11)

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# HORACE HOWE'S COLUMN

Walter Kennebec, international representative of the Electrical Workers' Brotherhood, was a visitor to Portland on Tuesday, December 3rd.

Talking with one of the Station operators at West Buxton last week, I was told that most of the boys in country had gotten their quota of deer this past season. However, I am from Missouri.

Harry Lowell, Jr. reports that he disposed of all his turkeys for "Thanks giving."

Mrs. Millicent Bowdway entertained members of the C. L. U. Auxiliary on December 4 at her home to the West End.

If you're "stuck" on what to give for Christmas, a subscription to the Maine Labor News not only solves the problem but help your State Federation of Labor.

To find out what is going on in the Printing Trades, read President Hyman Erick's column starting with this

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... Congratulations and best wishes to "Ily".

That clanking noise heard a few days ago when a group of boys were in a scuffle, did not come from a blacksmith's anvil, but from a new set of so-called storo teeth. Well, they say practice makes perfect.

Oh, dear! Oh, dear! Karl Hinck returned from that long-to-be-remembered hunting Mr. RUSSELL at a deer's Aid Bowdway.

Another unsuccessful hunter was Kippie Cole of the Plum Street Station. He was discovered after several storo teeth recently. I mean, of course, the "road hog" who forced him off the road and into the ditch. "There ought to be a law," said Hinck.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rich and LeRoy was seen observing the size of the chimney when they moved into their new home, evidently wondering if Santa Claus could get down all right.

John J. McLeod, post of Local 333, was congratulated on being a grandfather for the eleventh time when the store left his bounding baby girl at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Rivers of Westbrook.

Miss Lorraine Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Roberts, was a guest dancer for the Westbrook Kiwanis Charity Show on December 3.

Miss Jean Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, also was among the entertainers. Mr. Russell is a member of Local 48, Moving Picture Operators. Both Misses Roberts and Russell have performed for Local Union affairs and in the opinion of many, a great future awaits them.

A recent article in a Portland newspaper mentioned John C. Fitzgerald, State WPA Administrator, for the post of City Manager of Bangor. If Mr. Fitzgerald does go to Bangor, his efficient and honest administration of the Maine WPA will be of tremendous value to Bangor and the workers will be assured of fair play.

Governor Lewis O. Barrows was not successful in convincing Governor-elect Sumner Sewall as to the appointment of Mr. Barrows to be Adjutant of the 4th Regiment. Am not at all surprised at the present Governor seeking this \$2000-a-year job upon his retirement the first of January, but must confess that I am in accord with Mr. Sewall's opinion.

Burely, there are those who, because of seniority, are entitled to this appointment.

Frank Lynch was named chairman of the Cumberland County Power and Light Co. Life Department, (Portland Division) Safety Committee, and Phil Place and Raymond Bowdway complete the committee which is charged with investigating industrial accidents in the department. Burely, there are those who, because of seniority, are entitled to this appointment.

Delegates to the Central Labor Union where the union spirit is being a member of a Local Union, living in the West End, possesses a car for free hair-cuts during the Barber's Clinic, when over a thousand hair-cuts were provided free to local school children. It is hoped that the party referred to will realize what true unionism means. Of course, the name of this party is known and might appear in this column if the practice continues. Let's give the Union Barber's fair play.

Hyman Erick represented the Central Labor Union at a public hearing before the Wage and Hour Census Committee at the State House. State Senator Gail Laughlin of Portland is chairman of the committee.

Ray Parker, after a brief stay in the suburbs, has returned to the city. It is probable the snow conditions are responsible for this.

Amedeo Brown, although lacking a voice like the late Caruso, answered

several scores at a recent benefit show for the Harold Andrews Post, A. L. U.

Christmas presents started to arrive early at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Harris. It was a girl. Mother and child are doing nicely at the Maine Eye and Ear Hospital, and Papa Harris came through all right.

Christmas cards bearing the Union Label of the Allied Printing Trades Council may be purchased at the Portland, Mitchell and Iron Co. This was discovered after several stores had been visited by the Label Committee of the Central Labor Union, assisted by Organizer Kitchell of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

It is sure concrete evidence that the labor vote of Maine means something in an election, as was proven in the Presidential election, when Mr. William defeated President Roosevelt by only a trifle over 7,600 votes. It must be remembered that Mr. Landon carried the State by 42,000 in 1928. The Maine State Federation of Labor entered the race for the first time in 1932, so those seeking Labor's support in coming elections, whether they be city, state or national, will be well for them to remember that Labor will vote for its friends, and the record of the prevailing State Legislature, will be carefully scrutinized. Not!

Maurice Lilly returned home from a recent hunting trip, and would you believe it, on the hunting bag of the trusty old filver was a deer. Which, by the way, returned powerfully that it did have some venison, kindly donated by no other than Raymond Earl ("Sea Breeze") Bowdway.

### Social Security

By ALBERT N. TARDIF

20 HANNAFORD STREET  
PORTLAND, MAINE

any reader of the Labor News may secure, without cost, answers to questions relating to Social Security by addressing their questions to the above-named writer. The questions will be answered through this column. Only letters which are self-addressed, and which are not enclosed in a 3-cent stamped envelope with your address upon it.

The importance of having a trade is brought out more strikingly recently in the first of a series of monthly reports by the Bureau of Employment Security which it was revealed that a man of 59 was hired by an engineering concern. The Bureau says that experience and ability to do the job now outweigh all other considerations.

Many employers have standing requests for skilled workers according to the report. Some employers have adjusted their operations in order that less skilled workers may be employed. These semi-skilled workers are promoted as they acquire ability through experience.

It's the old story being retold in a more urgent season. Skilled help wanted; supply limited; inexperienced help not wanted; supply unlimited.

Whereas and here soon you will find a skilled worker. There is no examining a trade into a person. Experience acquired under the guidance of a master craftsman is the best method. I know about. Opportunities to learn trades in this country are now being opened in many States.

To meet the needs of the national defense program, it is expected that a nationwide apprenticeship training program will be undertaken. The cooperation of unions and employers will be sought in an endeavor to establish standards of an apprentice training which will increase the supply of skilled help but will not tend to lower down the labor standards which labor unions have fought so hard and so long to establish.

The steps likely to be followed are: (1) To inventory the skills now available in each classification; (2) Es-

They say the reason given by an officer of the Auxiliary for declining re-nomination was the expectancy of an addition in the near future.

Edward Ambrose, president of Wood and Waxed Shoes' Local 1103 of Sanford, has been named to the General Executive Board of the Federation.

Secretary Laurent Bousin of the Sanford Union says that the New Year's Eve celebration sponsored by the American Legion will be bigger and better, and that cabaret dancing will add to the color of the program. Take it from me that when they do something in Sanford, they do it with something in it.

The past two months has resulted in twenty more members being admitted to Local 237 of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers. Leonard Lavigne is president of the Portland local and William Crossley is secretary.

Mrs. Alice Howe, president of the Auxiliary to the Portland C. L. U., is a patient at the Maine General Hospital there at the moment from an operation.

Miss Winifred ("Winnie") Sheldon was a welcome visitor to Portland the other week, and she paid her former employers a visit. As usual, a number of officials of the C. L. U. and representatives of the Garment Workers' Union were there to greet her. She now resides in North Eaton, Me.

### INFORMATION COMMENTS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Developments on the employment front throughout the country were reported by the Bureau. The New England States were grouped in one geographical division. This section is beneficial much from large defense contracts. Plant expansions needed to handle these contracts have stimulated the building trades as have also the building of military camps. The report states that the export of New England industry will call for more training opportunities for labor. Some large employers have started their own apprenticeship schools and app. plants.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—How much money has Maine's LDC paid out in benefits during the last three years?

A—Chairman Clifford Somerville disclosed at a recent hearing that his commission has paid out approximately \$10,000,000 since payments this year are expected to reach \$14,000,000.

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DECEMBER, 1940

## Jurisdictional Disputes on Defense Projects Are "Out"

The 115 carpenters who struck on the War Department's new \$4,500,000 building in Washington during the month because of a jurisdictional dispute with another union, and which tied up construction work for a day, were ordered back to their jobs by General President William L. Hutcheson when his attention was called to the incident, while presiding over the Brotherhood's convention in session in Lakeland, Florida.

Carrying out the policy established by the American Federation of Labor at its recent convention in New Orleans, every possible means are to be taken by A. F. of L. unions to avoid strikes on defense projects, and as far as known, the dispute on the War Department building was the first to have occurred since the convention action.

In ordering the men back to work, President Hutcheson said that while he did not question the right of the Washington local to sanction the walk-out, he opposed the stoppage of work, believing the matter could be adjudicated by having the difficulty referred to the Building Trades Department of the A. F. of L.

Members of the House Judiciary Committee, who are considering a bill sponsored by Representatives whose antagonism toward Labor legislation has been most pronounced, when hearing of the incident quickly grasped the opportunity to voice their sentiments in favor of the bill to outlaw strikes.

Principal among these was Representative Hoffman of Michigan, who, in referring to the proposed legislation to ban strikes on defense work, has been most vicious in his denunciation of labor unions.

President Hutcheson's order to the Washington local to send their men back to work, was most timely, and he is to be congratulated. His action demonstrated a desire on the part of A. F. of L. leaders to eliminate strikes on defense projects and this should satisfy those who would deny trade unions their rights, that sufficient power is vested in A. F. of L. union officials to use other means besides strikes to settle differences on defense jobs, thereby making unnecessary the enactment of a law for this purpose.

## Communists in Airplane Factories "Congress May Act to Ban Strikes"

This was the big news chronicled during the week, and judging from statements by several members of Congress, action is to be taken for curbing strikes in airplane factories, which are claimed to be causing great difficulty in getting the government's defense program into full swing.

Sponsors for the move are placing the blame on Communists, who they claim, are in control of CIO unions, and believe the enactment of a law to curb strikes and, carrying heavy fines and imprisonment against violators, is the one and only remedy.

Of course, they are wrong. Such a law, if enacted, would be just what the Communists and their followers want. Ever since the breed began pestering this country they have been boring from within, and in one way or another succeeded in selling their wares to scores of workers who had faith in them until something occurred to make them realize they were supporting a lost cause.

It is our opinion that sponsors for the proposed strike ban law should go about it in some other way. To enact a law that would curb the liberties of millions of workers because of the unpatriotic activities of a few, would be unjust.

What should really be done by these M. C.'s if they are certain that Communists who dominate CIO unions are responsible, would be to, first, prove their contention; secondly, to be certain that employers are operating their plants in accordance with Federal protective legislation, as this applies to wages, working hours, and other conditions; thirdly, to adopt the plan suggested by President Green of the American Federation of Labor for set-

ting up tribunals to handle such emergencies.

We agree there should be stronger means taken to prevent Communists and their followers from working in plants engaged in defense work. This should not prove a severe task, however, as they are comparatively small in numbers. This was demonstrated at the November election, when the entire Communist vote in one State was little more than 300.

In dealing with Communists, however, one important thing must be kept in mind; namely, that they are battling for what they consider a great cause, and that by lighting the flame of dissatisfaction among large numbers of workers, they hope to achieve what their cause stands for.

It is, therefore, plain that the root of the evil, if conditions are such as reported in airplane factories, that Communists are at the bottom of the trouble and by the power and influence they possess over large bodies of workers are successful in stirring up strife such as is taking place at present.

Speaking on behalf of the American Federation of Labor, President Green said, "Labor wishes to prevent interruption of production whereby differences can be adjusted." Mr. Green, of course, was not speaking on behalf of the Communist-dominated CIO. However, we feel confident he is opposed to the enactment of any law that would take away the God-given rights of all Labor to use drastic means against employers who would impose grave injustices on their workers.

Thousands of factories, in which millions of people are employed, are at work in one way or another on defense orders. Our attention was directed to a local factory recently where as little as \$2 a day is paid for a 60-hour week. Would it not be unjust to these workers, if they organized and went on strike to enforce fair demands, to say they are law-violators?

Definitely, there must be another way out. This union is not yet at war. It is just preparing in case trouble comes to our shores. Take whatever are the most feasible means to rout Communists from airplane and other factories, but don't do anything to enslave tens of millions of workers who are patriotic to the core, by tying their hands and making them suppliant to the will of unfair employers.

## Dualism Not Only Unwise But Unworkable

John Lewis, in a CIO convention statement in Atlantic City, proclaimed his opposition toward industrial peace with the A. F. of L. until such time as the CIO has acquired sufficient strength and influence to be able to dictate its own terms as to affiliation with the A. F. of L.

William Green, speaking for the A. F. of L., in his address at the New Orleans convention, said the door is open for the return of former affiliates to the House of Labor, but in his statement Mr. Green stipulates certain terms which are not to the liking of Mr. Lewis, who, while not the official head of the CIO any longer, is regarded as the real moving spirit that will decide the future destinies of that organization, as he has since its inception.

Since the opening of the two conventions, on Monday, November 18, the CIO in Atlantic City and the A. F. of L. in New Orleans, there has been much speculation as to any possibility for bringing about reconciliation between the two organizations, and there are some on the sidelines who actually believe that any further effort is just a waste of time.

There are others who actually believe that no effort at reconciliation should be made at all, using the argument that the A. F. of L., with its tremendous economic and membership gains during the past few years, and the present solidarity of its affiliates, has gotten along very nicely without the CIO unions, and advise those who seek peace and unity that they had better "lay off" for the time being.

These latter are of the opinion that a series of terrific headaches are in store for the A. F. of L., at least while Mr. Lewis holds the whip-hand over the CIO. They base their opinion on that which occurred during the first week of the convention, when representatives of one-tenth of the original unions who formed the CIO took up most of the time of the convention in criticism of the principles and policies of the A. F. of L., and are wondering how far the other nine-tenths would go if let loose, and especially while under the domination of John Lewis and his aggregation of Communist supporters.

Through its willingness to cooperate with the government in its colossal program for defense, and by this means having won public approval, while the CIO, led by Communists, resorted to pecuniary measures to demonstrate its aversion toward uninterrupted production, the A. F. of L. not only increased its strength and prestige, but demonstrated its stability in a manner that is sure to make its future efforts doubly successful.

Ever since the dual movement started by the CIO, and which at first caused some disturbance, the A. F. of L. has sought peace. It was feared division in the Labor movement would act as a stumbling block in the path of progress. Repeatedly, Mr. Lewis repudiated this idea, notwithstanding he knew in his own mind that his actions have and will deter progress to a considerable extent.

Well! If that's the way Mr. Lewis and his successor in office feel, those who believe the A. F. of L. can get along without the CIO are in accord with the idea that the Federation should go it alone, feeling confident that by keeping up the fight as it has during the past three years, when

it has made the greatest progress of any time in its entire history, it should ignore the CIO, go about its business, and wait for the time when dualists have become satisfied that dualism, and especially when it is honeycombed with enemies of the government, is not only unwise but unworkable.

## T. R. on Collective Bargaining

"I believe the practice of collective bargaining, effective only through such organizations as the trades unions, to have been one of the most potent forces in the past century in promoting the progress of wage earners and in securing larger social progress for humanity."—Theodore Roosevelt.

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# "Great Britain Must Rely on America for Vital Defense Armaments," Says Citrine

### Envoy From Great Britain Emphasizes Need of Strong and Continuous Armament Program to Meet Attacks of Enemy on British Isles—Tells of Hardships and Sufferings of People Under Merciless Bombing Attacks of Nazis.

At a dinner given in his honor last week at the Willard Hotel, Washington, Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the British Trades Union Congress, laid marked stress upon the hardships which the people of Great Britain are undergoing at this time and declared that his country had to rely more and more upon American aid. This chiefly comprised the furnishing of vital defense armaments and general military supplies to withstand the attacks which the Nazis are directing against the British Isles.

Through this fact has been generally understood, it had not been so vividly portrayed, as in the present instance. The British envoy gave a close-up and striking first-hand picture of the devastation and toll of suffering which the patient and heroic people of Great Britain were enduring for the cause of liberty and freedom from a foreign despotism.

The remarks of the speaker were of most vital importance to labor. Sir Walter stated bluntly that the issue for the trade unions was very simple: "It was either life or death. There was no middle ground. In Germany and Italy, he said, trade unions had been destroyed, to be replaced by State organizations which the respective dictators of those pro-fascist countries desired for them.

British trade unions had been in danger; they were determined not to allow that state of affairs to come to pass in their homeland. But that depended upon whether or not Great Britain would be able to withstand the mighty assault which that country was now undergoing. To America, the Brit-

# Mid Winter Meeting of New England Conference of Typographical Unions To Be in Boston Sunday, January 12

Pursuant to action taken at the convention of the New England Conference of Typographical Unions, held in Stamford, Conn., last June, it was agreed by the Executive Board during the week that arrangements had been made to hold the annual mid-winter conference in Boston on Sunday, January 12, at Newport's American Legion Post Hall, 412 Washington street, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

and there is no reason to believe that this meeting will be any exception to those of the past; members of the Executive Board say in the call issued to affiliated unions.

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Edward Flore, president of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League of America, announces that the 10th general convention of the organization—the golden jubilee convention—will be held beginning Monday, April 21, 1941, in Cincinnati, instead of Toledo.

Another pro-labor decision was the refusal of the High Court to interfere with a National Labor Relations Board decision referring to an alleged infringement on the part of the Dickhart Leather Co., Pennsylvania. The company had been charged with enclosing objectionable company propaganda in the pay envelopes of their employees.

# Norris-La Guardia Act Basis on Which U. S. Supreme Court Banned Injunctions Against Labor Unions

November 15, 1940, will be a memorable date in labor annals, for on that day the U. S. Supreme Court handed down its decision making void the prohibitions of what has generally been known as the Norris-La Guardia Act to certain vital cases in which labor was sought to be hindered through court restraining orders and injunctions, generally sought on the part of plaintiff employers. The reason for the decision was the making broad-scale exemptions of labor from the field of court injunctions was the basis for the High Court's decision. The decree was unanimous.

recognized that Federal Courts had wrought hardship through objectionable injunctions, which were based on charges of conspiracy to violate the Anti-Trust Law.

# 800 Members of Providence Unions Attend Banquet Given Bricklayers' President Elected to Congress

John F. Poarty, president of Providence No. 1 of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' International Union, who was elected to Congress at the November 5th election, was the guest of honor at a banquet held at the Hotel Hamilton last Sunday evening.

Among those who spoke were former Governor Robert E. Quinn, who acted as toastmaster; William J. Howard McGrath, Treasurer-General-elect Russell Hinchey, Mayor-elect Dennis Roberts, Attorney-General-elect John Nolan, William L. Connolly, president of the Rhode Island State Federation of Labor, Freeman M. Saltus, editor of The Labor News, and others.

"Many locals send in propositions by their representatives to the meeting (1941 in Worcester) for action, and also in support of the legislative committee to study these propositions before they come up for final action at this time but the request is made that these be made in writing."

William A. Riley, secretary of Local No. 1, and chairman of the committee opened the exercises. Rev. Father Peter Hussey said prayer and John A. McCann, assistant agent of the Street Carriers' Division 418, made the presentation address, which included a substantial check as a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by his host of friends in the labor movement.

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Wage-Hour Officials Cooperate with Unions in Enforcing Law  
The cooperation of William Shannon, Maine representative of the United States Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, was the subject of favorable comment at a gathering of several labor officials in Portland during the past week.

Portland. The prompt and courteous way in which complaints are handled and the information relative to the law made available to officers of unions, was a reason why several letters commending Mr. Shannon and his staff to Administrator Fleming were forwarded to Washington.

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Our American industrial system makes possible the kind of management that can secure a coordinated use of the combined character, intelligence

and intimate understanding of the men and women who know most about their own jobs; management capable of giving balanced consideration to the many inter-related factors involved in business decisions; management that affords the opportunity for individual leadership at every organizational level; that leads, rather than drives; that manages from the bottom up, as well as from the top down; that gives human ability, wherever found, its full chance.

No authority outside of the individual enterprise, be it industrial, cartel, labor union, Government bureau or economic dictator, can constructively

substitute its dictates for those of the responsible management. Any such outside authority would lack both the specific responsibility and the technical knowledge necessary to balanced consideration of all the elements in industrial enterprise; of sales, finance, production, engineering, research, and employee relations. Laws to protect society from abuses are necessary and desirable, but in the public interest it is essential that any law, or any other process affecting industry, shall not limit the authority of management as to render it unable to fulfill its responsibilities.

PUBLIC OPINION

Enlightened public opinion is to be sought as the most important force in assuring a constructive course of behavior throughout the whole of society. It is here that the managers of industry, each in his own sphere of knowledge and experience, have a duty beyond the confines of their immediate business. That duty is to bring to the public a better understanding of the industry's problems; to demonstrate fallacies present in any existing lines of policy which interfere with constructive development; and to render any possible help in the framing of constructive legislation. In seeking an informed public opinion, it should be recognized that the American industrial system has its roots in the community, and that it is there the relationship between industry and the public begins; it is there that popular judgments are crystallized which find expression in law through duly elected representatives.

Throughout the years of depression the most compelling problem before the nation has been the problem of unemployment—unemployment of men, of machines and of money. The problem of unemployment remains unsolved today, and the obligation to accomplish the solution rests largely upon those engaged in industry but upon those in every segment of our economic system.

Less than 25 per cent of those generally employed in the nation are normally employed in manufacturing. It is obvious, therefore, that manufacturing can absorb only part of those unemployed. As industrial activity expands, however, the cumulative effects lead to minimal employment through out the entire economy. The objective before us all is the maximum employment of the nation's man-power in industry, trade, commerce, and agriculture to the end of insuring national strength and security, and the resultant individual satisfactions.

MUTUAL COOPERATION

In seeking to meet these requisites to maximum employment of the nation's man-power, it is recognized that results must come from intelligent action generally throughout the entire range of our national society. Such intelligent action, within the field of industry, requires understanding and cooperative spirit on the part of men who invest, men who labor, and men who manage. All must recognize the mutuality of interests involved.

The profit motive is indispensable, but it must be pursued with due regard to the vital long-term economic and social considerations involved. Among these essential factors are the preservation of individual initiative in industrial enterprise; the recognition of the interests of the consumer and the employee; and the creation and maintenance of public good will.

Harmonious relations between labor and management in each industrial enterprise is in the interest not only of the employer and the employee but of the whole people. National security and well-being cannot be maintained unless there is a balance between labor and capital, resulting in unobstructed flow of employment, otherwise with the continuity and economic production.

Beyond the give and take of a full day's work for a full day's pay lies the responsibility for both parties for a healthily and prosperous national economy. The success of every business, and hence the welfare of its employees, depends upon finding a workable method for achieving harmony. The main essential in this connection is an opportunity for free interchange of ideas and suggestions by any method which is acceptable to employer and employee, and which does not breed freedom of employment, or jeopardize mutually beneficial relations desired. The employer should have the right to hire any labor organization he wishes. The action he takes in this regard should be arrived at as a matter of his own free will and volition, without coercion, duress or intimidation from any source.

This entire article consists of quotations from a booklet published by the National Association of Manufacturers and is, to me, a most powerful argument for organization both from the viewpoint of the employer and the employee.

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Minimum wages, holidays with pay and machinery for adjusting grievances and arbitration. From Kees, N. H. come word that Organizer Frank Sanfobato, with the main assistance of officers and committee members of Local Union 2346, had been instrumental in renewing a contract of employment of the Colony Company and the Federation, providing for a preferential shift time and one-half after eight hours, guaranteed minimum wages for spinners and weavers, and machinery for adjusting grievances and arbitration.

WIN NLRB ELECTION IN GRANSTON, R. I.

Under the leadership of Miss Mary Tacone, vice-president of the Federation and with the cooperation of officers of Local 2459 of the Granston Print Works Company employees of Cranston, R. I. have been organized, and on Thursday, November 21, these employees went to the polls under the direction of the First Regional Office of the National Labor Relations Board and demonstrated loyalty to their union when 211 voted for the Federation of

Cotton Textile Workers of America, and 153 voting against. It is hoped, through the militant leadership of this local union, to put on a drive in Rhode Island to organize the Cotton Textile Workers.

NEW HAVEN UNION SECURES PAY RAISE

Results of the strike, last August, at the Pood Lily Co., New Haven, under the leadership of John McDonough of Local Union 212, Federation of Cotton Textile Workers of America, proved very successful. One of the provisions in the settlement was that the Conciliation Service of the U. S. Department of Labor would secure for the parties involved, the wage structure, work load and other conditions of employment for the purpose of adjusting the wage question. On Wednesday, November 25th, President Sylvia, with a committee from Local 212, met with the employer, and favorable conditions and a wage increase ranging from two to six cents per hour, retroactive to October 1939, was granted. A meeting of this organization will be held very shortly, when officers and committee members will make a final report to the union.

FEDERATION'S STAFF OF OFFICERS

Officers of the Federation are as follows: President, Joseph Sylvia; first vice-president, Mary Tacone; second vice-president, Charles Connor; third vice-president, William P. Bowen; fourth vice-president, William F. Keefe; fifth vice-president, Norman Campbell; secretary-treasurer, Albert Drouin.

Following are members of the Executive Council: James Hartigan, Norwood, R. I.; Murio Bianchi, Allston, Mass.; William Hartley, James, N. Y.; Edward Ambrose, Sanford, Me.; Margaret Shaw, Providence, R. I.; Anthony Drough, South Barre, Mass.; James Maloy, Jr., Columbia, N. Y.; and Edward Morrisette, Scenec, N. H.

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### State Federation of Labor Presents Model Wage-Hour Bill to Special Legislative Committee

**Draft of Bill is Similar in Purport to Federal Wage-Hour Statute to Cover Persons Employed in Intrastate Commerce—Three State Federation Officials Make Part of Committee Which Drafted the Measure—Newspaper Publishers Insist on Exemptions for Weekly Newspapers.**

That which he terms as a model Wage-Hour bill by Secretary Charles O. Dunton of the Maine State Federation of Labor, at a meeting of Special Reccas Committee held November 18, was discussed at another meeting held December 2 and, according to Senator Gail Laughlin, chairman of the committee, it is hoped that the committee will have something lined up at another meeting to be held on Thursday, December 19th, preparatory for submission to the State Legislature, when this convenes in regular session in January.

The measure, which is similar in purport to the Federal Wage and Hour Act, which covers persons employed in interstate commerce, if enacted, will embrace those employed in intrastate industries, and will benefit thousands of workers who will come under the minimum wage regulations, the 40-

hour week, and price and one-half for overtime work. In explaining the measure drafted on behalf of the State Federation of Labor, Secretary Dunton said that starting with a minimum wage rate of 25 cents an hour the first year after effective date of the law, the proposed bill would set the minimum pay at 30 cents an hour the next six months, and at the expiration of seven years it would be forty cents.

The maximum hours the first year would be eight a day and 44 for a week, and eight hours a day and 42 a week during the second year. After expiration of the second year, the hours would be eight a day and 40 for each week, unless an employe received compensation for overtime at a rate not less than one and one-half times the regular rate.

A Wage and Hour Bureau would be created in the State Labor and Industry Department, and authority would be given the Labor Commissioner to appoint a director and to enforce the law.

Provisions would not interfere with impede or diminish the right of employes to bargain collectively to establish wages "in excess of the applicable minimum wages" under the proposed measure, or to establish shorter hours than those provided under the recommended legislation.

"It is my sincere belief," Secretary Dunton told the committee, "that the enactment of a reasonable Wage-Hour Act will not only improve the general welfare of lower-paid workers of the State but would tend to better the economic conditions within the State."

Some of those appearing at the hearing criticized the Federal Wage-Hour Act as an instrument which "discourages apprenticeship" because employes must pay the "same base of salary as they do for unskilled and skilled workers."

Little opposition was registered against the adoption of the State Wage and Hour Act at the November 20th hearing. Principal among opponents were Henry J. Hart, attorney for the Bangor and Ansonia Railway, and Phil Nevin of the Brunswick Record, the latter representing the Maine Presses Association, who said that if a State law were enacted, his group would insist on the same exemptions for weekly papers as provided in the Federal law.

Attorney Hart, in opposing the measure, made a statement to the effect that 85 per cent of Maine workers were subject to the Federal law. This was

denied by George Jabar, organizer for the CIO textile workers in Maine, who said that only 65,000 men and women employed in Maine are covered by the Federal law, and asserted thousands of others engaged in small establishments are not protected under the law.

Others who spoke in favor of the measure at the public hearing, were Hyman Erick, representing the Portland Allied Printing Trades Council; L. M. Carroll, an official of the Newway Shoe Co., who told the committee he favors a State law if its provisions conform with the Federal statute; Michael F. Flaherty, representing Lewiston-Auburn and Skowhegan shoe workers; Misses Sarah McCaffrey and Anne Kovera of the Humbers Business and Professional Women's Club, who said their interest in any proposed wage-hour legislation was to see that it applied equally to men and women.

Representing the State Federation, besides Secretary Dunton, are Richard W. Gustin of Bangor and Horace E. Howe of South Portland.

### \$4,389,000 Contract on Hartford Housing Job Goes to Brooklyn Firm

From Hartford comes word that the local Housing Authority has announced that the B. M. W. Contracting Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y., with an offer of \$4,389,000, was the apparent low bidder for the construction of a 1000-family housing project.

SCHMIDT'S COMPLETES THE PICTURE

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The airport project is about one-third completed, according to Maine WPA administrator John C. Fitzgerald...

Philip Murray is Unanimous Choice of CIO for President

Philip Murray, a vice-president of the CIO since it was instituted, and chairman of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, was unanimously chosen to succeed John L. Lewis as president at the third annual convention, held in Atlantic City during the week of November 18.



PHILIP MURRAY

He-elected to office were secretary James R. Carey, Vice-Presidents Emil Blowe, S. H. Dalrymple, R. J. Thomas and Reid Robinson.

AFL Clerks Win Pay Increase; End Strike in 1,500 Grocery Stores

Philadelphia, Nov. 27 (I.L.N.S.)—Seven thousand clerks, members of the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association, A. F. of L. affiliate, ended a strike in more than 1,500 stores of three food chains operating in this area...

The clerks accepted the settlement by an overwhelming majority. They are employed in stores of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, American Stores Company and Food Fair markets, operating in Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware.

MADISON

Kennebec Local 73 Names Committee Of Arrangements for Easter Ball; Pres. Ingalls Re-elected 31st Term

Naming a committee to make arrangements for the annual Easter Ball and electing officers for the coming year were among the highlights of the business disposed of at the last meeting of Kennebec Local 73 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, held in Knights of Pythias Hall, Madison.

Working conditions at the Great Northern Paper Company's plant, in which members of Local 73 are employed, "are very good," writes Secretary Paine, adding that this mill has referred to the late business depression.

Referring to the re-election of President Ingalls, Secretary Paine writes: "We elected him for a third term."



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Older Members of Bangor Carpenters Union Express Much Pleasure Over Substantial Increase in Membership

Notwithstanding Bad Weather, Work for Building Mechanics Holding Up and Prospects for Increased Employment on Construction of Government Projects Gives Further Promise for Steady Employment—Local 621 Subscribes to The Labor News for All Its Members.

In his review of activities of Bangor Local 621 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Secretary John H. Ambrose writes as follows: "I am greatly pleased to report that our membership has been considerably increased during the last few months, thereby contributing to the pleasure and satisfaction of its older members. It is also pleasing to report that the membership is taking a more lively interest in the meetings of the union. After our last meeting, it is reported that we enjoyed some very interesting and instructive moving and talking pictures, which were fully appreciated by the goodly number present. "Although carpenter work in this section is slackening a little because of the inclement weather, the members are much pleased with the prospect of good times in the near future because of the money to be expended here by

the Government for war preparations. This is expected to increase employment to a large extent. One of the good jobs the union did recently was to subscribe for The Labor News for all of its members in good standing. This will give them an opportunity to become more conversant with the news of the day relating to labor activities. Officers of Local 621 are as follows: President, John J. Mosher, vice-president, Kenneth Gilley; recording secretary, John H. Ambrose; financial secretary, A. F. L. Sten; treasurer, Frederick W. Russell; wardens, Herman Taylor. Trustees, A. F. Richardson, Herman Taylor, H. H. Potter, who also act as executive board members and auditors. Meetings of Local 621 are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month in Union Hall, 26 Post Office Square. Secretary Ambrose's address is 99 1/2 Biret, telephone 4763.

War Department Orders Contractors On Defense Work to Comply With Prevailing Union Practices

In a recent letter of instructions to all construction quartermasters, Brig. Gen. C. D. Hartman, assistant chief of quartermaster general, lays down rigid orders in relation to labor relations on defense work. In a letter to John P. Coyne, president of the Building and Construction Trades Department, A. F. of L., Gen. Hartman states that labor conditions on any one project may have national significance, and that cases involving labor should be referred to his office before final action is taken on construction quartermasters. The "Letter of Instructions" requires that all mechanics must be paid less than those established by the Secretary of Labor. Payment also must be made in one check or in cash, and when by check facilities must be provided for cashing the checks. "Times in excess of 8 hours per day must be paid for at not less than one and one-half times the basic rate, and time worked on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays must be paid for at over time rates." In accordance with local recognized practices. Strict attention is to be paid to re-accepting, and "No deductions of any kind from wages are allowed except those required or permitted by law shall be made directly or indirectly in any manner by the contractor or subcontractor." Payment must be made in one check with no "kickback" of rebate. Contractors are required to maintain safety devices as are necessary, together with adequate emergency hospital and first-aid stations, equipment, supplies, and trained personnel; and also "such living, heating, water, and sanitary facilities" as needed. Labor officials point out that non-union workers who secure work on defense contracts are getting a good break in wages and conditions which was secured for them by organized labor. The War Department, besides requiring strict observance of union conditions, also gives workmen this further benefit, also a benefit from organized labor: "The contractor shall maintain at all times adequate employee's liability or workmen's compensation insurance for all mechanics and laborers." These instructions to construction quartermasters on all defense projects insure that employees engaged on this work will enjoy all the benefits of union conditions and wages and is one of the reasons why non-union workmen are flocking to defense work by the thousands and is causing non-union builders to bewail about a shortage of mechanics.

Gilman Paper Makers' Union to Establish Relief Fund to Assist Members During Illness or Trouble

Gilman, Vermont, December 10th.—Included among his recommendations as part of the program of activities of Gilman Local 419 of the Brotherhood of Paper Makers, President Leonard R. Ready, who was elected by acclamation at the meeting held on Sunday, December 1, suggested a special fund

be created for the benefit of any brother member who experienced a lot of hard luck, such as sickness to himself or family, so as to enable the local to make a gift of money to help him over during his troubles. Each member will donate ten or fifteen cents a week to help build up this fund.

"On Friday, December 6th," writes Secretary Lawrence J. Newman in reference to activities of Local 113 during the past month, "we held our annual Paper Makers' Ball, which was well enjoyed by all that attended, and much credit is due the committee which had charge of arrangements. Louis Morse, who has been a member of our local for ten years, and a member of the Executive Board for a good many years, returned to his duties at the mill last week. He had been away for about two months and everyone is glad to see him on the job again."

Following is the result of the annual election: President, Leonard Thoben; vice-president, Franklin Whitcomb; recording secretary, Amos Blood; financial secretary, Lawrence J. Newman; treasurer, Fred Colgate; sergeant-at-arms, Charles Belmont. Auditors: Jack Gunther, Amos Blood and L. J. Newman.

Vt. Federation Exec. Board to Prepare Legislative Program

Announcement was made by Secretary Robert Shivalier of the Vermont Federation of Labor that President Carl O. Comings will call a meeting of the Executive Board before January 1 to complete the Federation's legislative program, preparatory for submission to the opening of the 1941 Legislature, which is scheduled to hold its first session on January 4th. Included in the program will be an amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act to include occupational diseases; opposition to unnecessary work performed on Sunday; a State Labor Relations Act and Wage-Hour law to conform with Federal statutes; amendments to the social security law; as this refers to its application and interpretation, and other measures. Officials of the Federation feel confident that the incoming Legislature will accord Labor bills better treatment than has been the case during the past few years. Many new unions started in various parts of the State since adjournment of the last Legislature, and added prestige won by the Federation through the affiliation of these organizations; also apparent willingness on the part of members of the State Government to cooperate on measures affecting both farmers and labor interests, gives reason to believe better results can be obtained. In its effort to secure cooperation from affiliated organizations, the Federation will ask officials of local unions to make personal contacts with their Senators and Representatives, and by this means hope to achieve good results. A request will also be made of local unions to be represented in as large numbers as possible at legislative hearings, notices of which will be sent them as to date on which these are to be held.

Wholesalers Promise Assistance to Hold Consumer Prices

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29 (AP)—In a session described by observers as "cut and dried," the wholesaling industry met here and pledged its cooperation to the National Defense Advisory Commission division of consumer protection, while advocating maintenance of consumer price levels as low as possible to a steady flow of consumer goods, and resolving to discourage excessive inventories. Following the earlier lead of the retailing industry, the wholesalers named a nine-man committee to advise the defense commission, and also resolved to discourage unwarranted changes in prices. No one disclosed how consumer price levels are to be kept low in the midst of "skyrocketing wholesale prices."

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Eight Dollars Per Week Paid to German Wrks

New York, N. Y.—Although German workers worked eighteen hours longer each week, the average American worker earned three times as much in 1939, just before the outbreak of the European war, according to a report based upon official statistics and released by Matthew W. W. president of the League for Human Rights "Freedom and Democracy."

The German worker earned an average of 14 cents per hour, or \$8 for the 56-hour week, while the American worker earned 42 cents per hour, or \$24.44 for an average week of 57 1/2 hours.

"It is by accident that tyranny and privation march hand in hand. Only workers who enjoy the liberties of democracy, as in the United States, are able to organize freely and bargain collectively in their own interest, can expect to have a decent standard of living."

Buying Power Boost Urged for Low-Income Families

Sills Perkins, Director of Marketing of the Department of Agriculture, estimates that "there are 80,000,000 persons in this land of plenty who get along on an average cash income of only \$68 a month for the whole family." He said "the 65 per cent of our fam-

ilies" living on this small average monthly "pittance" "need" "more" "that much income for a minimum standard of living. The unmet needs of two-thirds of our people make it the greatest new market that has ever loomed before our businessmen and farmers. It's right in our own backyard. We've got to have some innovations and ways to build a more industrial, and therefore a more prosperous America."

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East Millinocket Correspondent Says Increase of Accidents in Maine Woods and Number of People Who Get Lost, Should Compel Other Means of Employment—Present Law Dealing With Deer is Likened To "Locking the Barn After Horse is Stolen"

By LEONARD GAGNON  
East Millinocket, Me. Dec. 4—(Special) The deer hunting season has closed tonight with the usual unnecessary loss of human life. At least fifteen hunters were mistaken for deer by some half-baked hit-wit who doesn't know a deer from a rabbit or north-down west. They have the unreasonable belief that everything they see in the woods must be game and that the license which they sometimes carry authorizes them the privilege to shoot. Strays as it may seem, that is the only time some of these fellows can hit the bull's-eye.

While the state usually condemns the firearms of hunters who mistake and kill a human being and thereafter refuse to leave another license to such hunters, that seems to do very little good because the needless killings continue each year.

Perhaps a short term of from one to ten years as "strays" would have the desired effect.

Another general nuisance is the woodman of hither who gets lost about a hundred yards from the main road and becomes related to his neighbors only to start for Nome, Alaska. He is usually the fellow who says that his compass was crazy or perhaps his sun went down in the East on the day that he got turned around. Then when he is returned to civilization with the help of townspeople, guides or Boy Scouts, he insists that there was no need of any one-out looking for him because he knew "where he" was all the time. We seldom hear of a real woodman getting lost for any length of time and when "where he" is shown, we know that even if he is lost, he will find his head. His first concern is to build a shelter which any woodman could use in a few minutes, then gather whatever deer or caribou meat that may be prowling around about the shelter and eat it up in the dark which comes early in the Maine woods during the hunting season. We have had several local woodsmen this fall who have had to spend the night in the woods all alone. One fellow, not being satisfied with being

the privilege to sell deer meat to those of us who don't know a rifle from a saved-off shotgun. The story was told in this corner last fall about a "sport" who, coming up this way for a deer, was loaned a rifle by a local man. The so-called "sport" tried to put the cartridges down the barrel of the rifle and swearing because they wouldn't fit. When told that they should go into the magazine, he didn't know what was meant, but he still believed that he was qualified to carry a dangerous weapon into the woods. Nearly everybody likes deer meat and to cut down on the family grocery budget, a large number of men who are not familiar with firearms are adding hunting licenses by the State without any sort of examination as to their qualifications. Some realize their lack of knowledge but when the budget is low in the fall they decide to try their luck after having to stay in the woods overnight besides losing a day's pay and sometimes more. If the laws gave them permission to buy a deer or even a hind quarter from someone who is more at home in the woods than in a night club, it would save a lot of trouble for a large number of families.

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# LIVERMORE FALLS

## John J. McNamara, Int. President Brotherhood Firemen and Oilers, Is Speaker at Local Union Meeting

Members of Livermore Falls Local 247 of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers listened to an interesting address by International President John J. McNamara at their semi-monthly meeting, held in Moore's Hall on Friday evening, November 21. After congratulating members for the good progress made by the local during the past year, Brother McNamara spoke of the unprecedented membership gains made by the Brotherhood throughout its jurisdiction and the improved conditions secured as a result.

Increased industrial activity, President McNamara said, in connection with the Government's defense program offer splendid opportunities for conducting membership drives, and he outlined various ways through which this can be accomplished.

He referred to the stand taken by the A. F. of L. at its recent convention in New Orleans, for cooperating with the Government in its efforts to prepare against possible invasion, and said that this same cooperation is extended by our Brotherhood and all other international unions affiliated with the Federation.

Addressed the officers, Mr. McNamara forcefully pointed out that the success of their local is largely dependent on their activities, and urged all to pay special attention to their official duties, which are of great importance for the success of the union.

He pointed with some satisfaction to his early experience as an officer of his

local union, when with other members he walked the railroad tracks at all hours of the night in search of new members to enlarge the roster of the Boston union. This and other incidents which occurred during those arduous days of organizing brick huck members, he said, give almost satisfaction when one realizes conditions today as compared with those of 25 more years ago.

Officers who will serve the local for the next year are as follows: President, Robert Boyle; vice-president, Bernard Stover; recording secretary, E. Wardlaw; secretary-treasurer, LeTourneau; sergeant-at-arms, W. Gould; wardens, R. Eberhart and R. Truett; Ernest Dolson, W. Gould, R. Fourmier.

Harold Blanchard has been granted a withdrawal card. He left the employment of the International Paper Co. to work for a Llewellyn firm.

## In and Out Of The News

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will remain on the premises at Quoddy Village. They will prepare the general report for what is expected to be the eighth step in the continuation of the present program. January 13 is the date for resumption of the work.

### Jehovah's Witnesses TO HAVE PRIVATE SCHOOL

It is known to those people that inquiries have been made by representatives of the sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses for the establishment of a private school for the use of its children members. This is said to have grown out of the public discussion and court cases involving branches of school discipline, with regard to saluting the national flag.

The Jehovah's Witnesses are opposed to the standard form of patriotism and have instructed their children who attend public schools to refuse to obey that regulation.

The approval of the local School Committee and also that of the State Department of Education is required before such a private school may be established in Maine.

### AGENCIES NEEDED TO LIGHTEN AID COSTS

It is well over 2,000 years since the problem of the poor has been a matter of general local, state and national concern—in all lands at all times, in all ages. But with the growing complexity of life in modern society, the solution of the problem presses harder than ever. It has become a matter of deep benevolence, but a matter of protecting the community and the state itself from its degrading and consuming tendencies.

Maine is facing the problem in a realistic manner, that is, admitting the cost of maintaining the public relief system, and all the means being sought for ways and means whereby that load may be lightened, or transferred in part. In this light, the State Legislature budget committee began a series of annual million-dollar cut-pat for public relief purposes, which is expected to be ready for submission to the Legislature shortly after it convenes.

### ROCKLAND ADOPTS FOOD STAMP PLAN

Rockland is to adopt the Federal system of food stamps for the distribution of certain surplus agricultural products distributed through the medium of the local public aid and assistance agencies. The plan has been frequently explained. Its purpose is to increase consumption of such surplus products in the domestic market, which cannot be disposed of at fair or ruling prices through the ordinary channels of stores and markets.

The retail markets and food dealers in the city will be called into consideration to become familiar with the rules and regulations under which the stamps may be exchanged for specified food products. Sharp penalties are provided by law for dishonest misuse of stamps, the acceptance of which is voluntary on the dealers' part, but which, having been accepted, carries with it legal responsibility to the government.

The idea of the stamp plan is the free distribution of fifty cents' worth of free stamps for each one dollar of cash stamps purchased by the public aid receiver. With these free stamps may be purchased (only) a specified list of general edibles of the designated surplus category.

### HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE STUDENTS AIDED BY NYA

Through the medium of employment furnished by the National Youth Administration, costing over \$135,000 more than 700 students in many Maine colleges and other institutions of higher education are receiving part of their school expenses. Also included are some 1,700 pupils in Maine high schools who are sharing in the opportunity thus afforded. Frank W. Welch, acting NYA administrator, is authority for the statement.

The work of the NYA is of nationwide application. Students to the number of 150,000 will have work in colleges and universities during the 1940-1941 academic year. The types of work range from the scientific to the manual and include library and secretarial employment.

### Judges Fine Employers for Violating Labor Law

San Francisco, Nov. 27 (APL)—State Labor Commissioner H. C. Carranza announced that fines had been imposed on two employers found guilty of violating the labor laws of California.

Justice of the Peace Fenwick L. Jackson fined Henry DeWolfen \$50 for employing under-aged children his land in the Tracy-Banta section. The criminal complaint charged that he was employing three children, ages 9, 13 and 14, at periods when they should have been in school.

Judge Frank Dunne fined Brunswick Knitting Mills of San Francisco \$10 for violating the eight-hour law for women. It was revealed that the company regularly employs women to return to work after they had completed their regular working day of eight hours and had punched out. The overtime record was kept secretly and the time cards showed work for only eight hours. It was charged.

# PEJEPSCOT

## "Hats off to Joe Pagurko Who Did Valiant Work for Our Union," Say Members of Local Union 66

### Congratulations Showed Upon Union Head As He is Chosen to Serve a Second Term at Annual Election of Officers—Organizer Fred Morris and J. Phair Jones, President of Maine District Council of Paper Mill Unions, Speak at Banquet Following Election.

"Brother Joseph J. Pagurko, who was our president during 1939, was elected to serve an again this coming year. So, what do you say, boys? Let's take our hats off for Joe, the man who has worked so hard for us in the past. Let's show him that we are all with him and for him all the way."

Your correspondent was inspired to write the above few words only in commendation for the splendid service rendered by our president. But the enthusiasm manifested by members at the December 8th meeting, which from the standpoint of attendance and interest manifested, was proclaimed the best and most constructive meeting held since this local was instituted.

Sixth Vice-President Fred Morris of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers was present at both the meeting and the banquet that followed the election of officers, and so was J. Phair Jones, president of the Maine District Council of Paper Mill Unions, who besides highly complimenting the local on the splendid progress made during the past year, urged all present to stand solidly behind President Pagurko and his staff of officers in their efforts to maintain the high standards established during the past few years.

Other officers elected at the December 8th meeting are as follows: Vice-president, Fred Jones; recording secretary, Armand Maynard; financial secretary, John Woodard; treasurer, J. Phair Jones.

Executive board: J. Phair Jones, Alfred Ouellette, Oscar Maynard, and Mr. Pagurko.

Trustees and auditors, Wilfred Dube, Mike Pagurko and President Pagurko. He holds his annual meetings in Community Hall, Pejepscot, on the second Sunday of each month.

—JOSEPH TAMBOUR, JR.

# BUCKSPORT

## Employees of Maine Seaboard Paper Company Organize Credit Union With Leo J. Ashby as President

### New Organization, the Object of Which is to Provide Thrift and Aid to Members When in Need of Funds, Run on Payroll Deduction Basis—Service Buttons Given to 129 Ten-Year Employees at Party Tendered by Company—Home Guard Formed to Act During Absence of National Guard.

Employees of the Maine Seaboard Paper Company have recently organized a Credit Union, which promises to be a help and an incentive to save money for all its members. It is run on a payroll deduction basis, and members are saving anywhere from twenty-five cents to \$2.00 per week. We are also lending money to members who need it for productive or provident purposes.

The officers of the Credit Union are as follows: President, Leo J. Ashby; vice-president, Charles Stewart; treasurer, Arthur Kimball; clerk, John Harvey; chairman of education committee, Harold M. Sullivan; credit committee, Charles Tylo, Edward Harper and George England; Supervisory Committee, James Beddell, Edward Nickles and Matthew Rosebush.

The Maine Seaboard Paper Co. gave its employees a party on November 24 at the Alamo Hotel on the occasion of its 16th anniversary in making paper. All employees who have been with the company ten years received a 10-year service button. A feature worth was shown. Out of a total of about 500 employees, 119 of them have been with the company ten years.

A Home Guard unit has recently been formed, consisting mostly of men from the Seaboard plant. This unit is to take the place of the National Guard while the latter is called into training for a year.

The Maine Seaboard employees are a very active group of men. They participate in all kinds of sports, including baseball, football, tennis and golf.

In the summer; football in the fall, and basketball and bowling in the winter. Most of them are experts in fishing, hunting and many other sports. They are one of the most lively groups of men to be found anywhere in the country.

Who says business isn't good? According to the Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce, total retail sales in Maine gained 10.2 per cent from 1935 to 1939, and total payroll in 1939 were \$26,075,000, compared with \$23,990,000 in 1935, and \$24,895,000 in 1939.

These figures, showing as they do a 21 per cent increase since 1932, and the 1939 figure nearly equal the record of 1929, should cause calamity-worriers—some of whom are "sailing away" more money than they ever did before—change their tune and join up with the army of people who have faith and confidence in their government.

In other words, stop finding fault! Continuing to do so only encourages enemies of the government to carry on their work of destruction, which sooner or later may cause the nation untold trouble.

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who have needed them all these years and democracy will shine that much brighter for their existence.
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Assurance of Co-op'n

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...any way impede production before all mobilization facilities of the Federal government for resolving any existing controversy have been exhausted.

the mobilization of labor support for the national defense program.
'As we enter the new year,' he said, 'I want to pledge a new note of victory for democracy...'

Other officers reported are as follows: William L. Hutchison, Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, first vice-president; Thomas A. Hickert, United Garment Workers, second vice-president; Matthias Wolf, Photo-Engravers Union, third vice-president; Joseph N. Weber, American Federation of Musicians, fourth vice-president; G. M. Dugdale, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, fifth vice-president; George M. Harrison, Order of Railway Clerks, sixth vice-president; Daniel J. Tobin, Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers, seventh vice-president; Harry C. Smith, Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' International Union, eighth vice-president; Edward J. Galone, National Association of Letter Carriers, ninth vice-president; W. D. Mahon, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and Motor Coach Employees, tenth vice-president; Felix H. Knight, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, eleventh vice-president; Edward W. Bristol and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders' League, thirteenth vice-president; Harvey W. Brown, International Association of Machinists, fourteenth vice-president; Daniel W. Wright, Journeymen Barbers' International Union, fifteenth vice-president; George Meany, secretary-treasurer.

Goes 'Over the Top'

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...the tremendous overhead carried by insurance companies at the expense of both employers and injured workers.

Renewed demands for adoption by Congress of the AFL amendments to the National Labor Relations Act. Sharp condemnation of Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold's attempts to prosecute trade unions under the anti-trust laws. Endorsement of the 30-hour week as organized labor's ultimate goal and solution for unemployment with the proviso, however, that the AFL will be ready to make any useful sacrifice to speed completion of the national defense program. Extension of the boycott against Japanese and German goods and services.



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...him to adjust numerous labor disputes. His job will be to iron out or avert difficulties such as occurred at the Valtel aircraft plant, which it is said, had threatened to delay production of defense materials.

Full endorsement of the policy of giving Great Britain all assistance short of war, in her fight for life against the totalitarian aggressors.

For some reason employers, although opposed to the present Workmen's Compensation Act, demagogued little interest in the Staff Fund plan until this year, when at a meeting sponsored by the Worcester Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Bancroft on last Tuesday, and at which were present representatives of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, these were severe in their criticism over the manner in which the law is administered, and announced the organization, through its legislative department, its preparation of a bill to be submitted to the Legislature for correcting present evils in the law.

Acceptance of President Roosevelt's plea for labor peace. Definition of the powers of the Executive Council with regard to suspension of national and international union in a Constitutional amendment. Sweeping condemnation of racketeering and gangsterism in labor organizations with a recommendation that all national and international unions adopt provisions for disciplinary action against officers or members found guilty of betraying their trust.

Two Former CIO

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Labor movement in the coming year. I regard public opinion as the most vital force in American life, and I believe the time will come ere long when no man can stand up and defy public opinion in the United States.

Addressing the convention, Luis N. Morones, president of the Mexican Labor Federation, said agents of the Euzepan dictatorship were busy stirring up fear and suspicion against the United States, but that these propaganda efforts could be defeated through united labor action embracing North and South America. He described his own organization as the only "independent" labor movement in Mexico, and complaining that it had suffered "unbelievable persecution" at the hands of the Mexican government because of its refusal to accept political domination.

After this procedure is followed, the Secretary of State shall place the question of the ballot at the next State election.

Seattle was designated as the convention city for 1941, much to the chagrin of delegates representing Rhode Island unions, whose four delegates had worked additionally to bring the 1941 convention to Providence. The Boston C. I. U., which also put in a bid for next year's convention, withdrew from the contest last week.

It is High Time

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...be started by redhot coals emitting from the smoke stacks; that given from the burning coals would kill all vegetation. Some were led to believe the world's food supply was thereby endangered. So even in those days they had gloom spreaders. About all they accomplished was to create a state of fear. No one can foretell coming events with such accuracy as to have the right to go around worrying the general public with statements predicting nothing but gloom.

Other outstanding convention actions included: Full endorsement of the policy of giving Great Britain all assistance short of war, in her fight for life against the totalitarian aggressors.

When as high an authority as our president tells us that the only thing we need fear is fear itself, what right has anyone to talk pessimism at a time like this? Democracy in this country survived through the Civil War. It survived the inflationary period which followed the conflict. Democracy has passed through many a crisis and survived. It will survive this crisis, too.

There is just too much emphasis on the black side of life. Pessimism is too widespread. It is high time more optimists elbowed their way to the front pages of newspapers.

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